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Changing of the vanguard
Daily staffers (above), spotting the real thing when they saw it (far right, with glasses), launched a stunning purge of this year's editor-in-chief and installed noted campus ideological chameleon Richard Flint as 1982-83 editor in "elections" held last Friday.

"Like it was easy, mate," said Flint, commenting on his metamorphosis from Students' Society VP University Affairs in September to Daily editor-in-chief in March. "Upstairs the Society deals in spare change. Down here (Daily office) we talk social change."

This reporter enjoyed a casual chat with Flint over a Molotov cocktail in his



Dailyphoto/Kip Telley-Harris

mountain retreat at an undisclosed location in Northern Ireland.

For more on Flint and photos of the newly-elected

democratic centralists, all of them willing to give elitism a chance, see Wednesday's Daily.

Eleventh hour poll a political act

by Richard Flint

Political manoeuvres and backroom politicking in the Students' Society will emerge at this Tuesday's Council meeting in the form of a proposal to hold a last-minute special election.

The executive committee portfolio of Vice-President External Affairs for 1982-83 is at the centre of the dispute. Bruce Ness was acclaimed to the position without election, but was later declared ineligible when the Society's chief returning officer ruled he was not a student. His status as a student remains unclear until next September.

The executive has been debating whether or not to call elections for the position in April or to hold off on elections until next September. If the elections were to be held this year they would have to be on April 5th and 7th.

"We thought we could go for April 1st if we could do it constitutionally. The seventh is the very last day of classes (sic)," said Students' Society Vice-President Internal Keith Hennessy.

Constitutional requirements state minimum times between opening nominations and polling which mean that the elections cannot be held before the very end of term.

Students' Society President Liz Norman supports holding the elections this semester: "It's better to have them now, even though there are political ramifications. There will be different candidates depending on when we hold the election."

The political ramification

would appear to be that Ness will be eligible to stand in September, but not at the moment.

"It's become a personal vendetta against Bruce Ness," claimed Society Vice-President Finance Brian Fish. "He doesn't see eye to eye about RAEU (the Québec University student organisation) with Paul Smith (the present VP External)."

Hennessy claims to support the rushed by-election for reasons of expediency.

"At the moment it's important to get VP External by the summer. There are a lot of things that happen in May. That's when the Vice President External would be setting up a lot of contacts," said Hennessy.

Hennessy admits that the turnout for another election on the last day of classes would be low. "But that's always the case. The VP External is the least understood of the positions," he said.

Fish believes that Council should not call a special election in April.

"My feeling is that Council should appoint an interim external affairs co-ordinator for the summer and then hold proper elections at the beginning of the new school year," said Fish.

"Rushing elections is not fair to the new Students' Council, and it is certainly not fair to students. It seems as if the members of the newly-elected executive committee would like to get it over with as soon as possible."

"We haven't budgeted for another election. The Chief

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Rosie's pulls porn from window

by Suzy Goldenberg

Apathetic students take note: demonstrations can have some effect.

In response to a Women's Union anti-pornography protest last Wednesday, Cigare Avenue du Parc (commonly known as Rosie's) has removed all pornographic material from the display cases. In the future, the offending magazines will only be available from behind the counter.

The couple that operate the store, the Garbers removed the publications as a direct result of the demonstrators. According to Mr. Garber, the realisation that the material was so insulting to people, motivated him to conceal the magazines from the general public.

"I don't want all those people standing outside, screaming and yelling," he said. "It's not worth the revenue that the magazines bring in."

Because the soft-porn magazines arrive as a package deal with other publications from Benjamin's magazine distributors, it is impossible for

the Garbers to refuse to stock pornography. As well, "dirty mags" make up a hefty chunk of magazine revenue.

Still, stocking the magazines covertly will hurt business. The Garbers expect some loss from their decision but those who regularly buy the magazines will know where to find them, Mrs. Garber said.

Participants in the demonstration and members of the Women's Union were pleased by the Garbers action.

Said one protestor, "it's a victory for cleanliness (sic) and women's causes." Margaret Fulford, Women's Union executive member was also gratified by the demo's effect.

"It's exciting because it shows that activism does influence people," she said. "I used to live two blocks from that store and I never went in because of all the offensive magazines on the display racks. I'll go in there now."

Fulford also noticed the social significance of not having

the magazines prominent among the stores other products.

"At least children won't have to see such magazines and won't receive damaging ideas about sexuality," she said.

by Albert Nerenberg
Following the quiet sale of over a million dollars of shares in companies with investments in South Africa, the South Africa Committee (SAC) is demanding that McGill continue to divest.

Robert Sullivan, information co-ordinator for SAC, plans to walk into the Board of Governors meeting this afternoon to present a petition with over 3,000 signatures of McGill students demanding that the Board divest from all companies with South African investments.

He will also request to address the Board himself, despite a rule that denies all non-Board members the right to speak at Board meetings.

SAC on "Divest the rest" quest

According to Michele Sheppard, an executive member of SAC, "we're (SAC) going to politely encourage them to continue the good work they've commenced."

"We'll be demanding that they divest from Alcan, the Bank of Montréal and the bank of Commerce in particular," he added.

Sheppard said that SAC representatives will be asking Liz Norman, Students' Society president and BoG member, to make the request that Sullivan be permitted to speak.

"We launched the campaign, we think we're entitled to speak. For two and a half years we've been attending Board meetings without being allowed to," said Sheppard.

Sheppard said that in the past, Liz Norman had been making requests and recommendations on the part of SAC.

"Liz has done a really good job," he said. "But she is not really directly connected to the divestment issue."

Sheppard explained that despite the Board's recent divestment action, direct communication between SAC and the Board on the issue has been almost non-existent.

"We find it very strange," he said. "That for the years that we've been dealing with the Board, it always been through intermediaries only."

The Board sold all its shares in Mobil Corporation and Royal Dutch Shell on Friday,

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374 - PERSONAL

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385 - NOTICES

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JUDICIAL BOARD

FIVE (5) MEMBERS

The Judicial Board of the Students' Society acts as the final authority on the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws as well as acts of Students' Council and any group recognized by Council. These five positions are open to law students, who during the 1982/83 academic year, will be in third or fourth year or pursuing a graduate degree. (Application forms available in the SAO and LUS offices. Only individual applications will be accepted for each position.)

OLD MCGILL

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Old McGill is the hard cover, 350 page yearbook covering the entire school year. It will include photographs of McGill graduates of that year as well as other relevant material as the Editor sees fit. The Editor must be willing to attend a 3 day workshop in August. This position pays an honorarium of \$640.

NOTE:

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"General Application" forms are available from the Students' Society General Office, Room 105 of the Student Union, 3480 McTavish Street, from Sadie's II in the McConnell Engineering Building or in Chancellor Day Hall from the SAO or LUS offices.

Completed applications must be submitted to Leslie Copeland, Operations Secretary, Students' Society General Office, NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 1982.



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PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES MCGILL,

the student disarmament group, is holding its annual

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tonight, 7:00 p.m., Stewart Biology Bldg., S 1/4.

Agenda includes annual report and executive elections for next year. All those who have been involved in Ploughshares this year or would like to help organize for next year are urged to attend.

At 8:00, there will be a video presentation on Hiroshima and the Pacific nuclear testings.

Ontario: "You've come to the wrong place"

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario students are yelling at the wrong government, according to one provincial cabinet minister.

Frank Drea, Conservative minister of consumer and corporate affairs, gave that message to about 3,000 angry students who gathered in Queen's Park last Thursday.

The demonstrators, from universities and colleges in Toronto, were incensed by the announcement that provincial operating grants to universities would not meet the levels requested by the Ontario Council on University Affairs.

In the offing for next year's tuition costs are increases which may range from 12.2 to 20 per cent.

Drea took the podium standing in a heavy rainfall and was met by the crowd's hostility. "I'm going to stand here until you listen," he said. When the mob's chanting faded, he said, "You should be thankful to the minister of college and universities, Dr. (Bette) Stephenson."

He blamed underfunding on Ottawa's proposals to re-adjust transfer payments to the provinces. "The average worker," Drea said, supports the current level of provincial funding for Ontario education.

"Save some of the energies you're wasting in the rain today, because it is needed somewhere else," yelled Drea, urging students to take their protests to the federal government.

But Sean Conway, colleges and universities critic for the Ontario Liberals, said "you've come to the right place," when he attacked provincial Tory funding policies.

New Democratic Party Education Critic Tony Grande called Drea's comments part of a federal-provincial "finger-pointing" campaign, saying, "we're the ones that are losing out from this political game."

"We'll be paying years down the road" for damage inflicted on Ontario universities and colleges by the government, he said.

Grande had appeared at an all-night sit-in held before the

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"Fight, education is a right"

In Montréal, 3,000 students turned out to march on Thursday's National Day of Action against Cutbacks and didn't hear from their premier or cabinet ministers. They didn't even receive any telexes. They turned out in anger; they demanded and deserved more attention than they received. Students across Canada likewise demanded answers on the fate of funding for post-secondary education and they were not placated.

A triptych of Thursday's National Day of Action against Cutbacks:

Peter Lougheed felt a sense of déjà vu when he spoke to 2,000 angry Alberta students. An Ontario cabinet minister told 3,000 enraged students that they were barking up the wrong tree. And in B.C., fresh after another provincial funding cutback, one more provincial minister reaffirmed his government's commitment to higher education to ringing chants of "bullshit".

Below the Daily presents reports of Thursday's marches around the country. See if you can't spot the bullshit.



Student hopes flat on prairies

EDMONTON (CUP) — "Welcome back," said Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed as he greeted 2,000 students who gathered on the steps of the legislature to hear something more than small talk. The premier reminded the students of a similar march four years ago, when 5,000 students made their case against funding cuts.

Lougheed said little to the students, though he disputed claims that the federal government pays for 50 to 60 per cent of advanced education costs in the province. The figure has not topped 20 per cent since 1977, said Lougheed.

The demonstration had formed at the University of Alberta, where classes were cancelled for the march. It included representatives of students at universities, colleges and technical institutes in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and Lethbridge. The biggest contingent came from the University of Alberta.

Students massed in cold weather, with a heavy wet snowfall heartening the start of the mile-long trek to the provincial legislature. As they marched, they chanted "No More

Cutbacks", "They say cut back — we say fight back," and "Hey, hey, ho, ho — Jim Horsman's got to go." Horsman is Alberta's advanced education and manpower minister.

Most of the past activity among Alberta students on education funding has been directed at the provincial government. But the message of this march — and similar Week of Action events staged at centres across the country — was that both levels of government share blame for underfunding.

Though both Lougheed and Horsman spoke to the crowd, the federal government reneged on a promise to send a representative.

The Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), which organised the Alberta action, met with a comical sequence of federal promises: First, Ottawa promised a visit from Secretary of State Gerald Regan. When he declined, they offered Regan's parliamentary secretary. The secretary turned into a Liberal backbencher, the backbencher into a telexed statement, and the telex became a telegram.

The telegram arrived late, and had to be read to FAS over the phone.

Jim Horsman was loudly booed and interrupted with shouts of "Snow job, snow job." He told the crowd, "If you don't want to listen, I'll just talk to the media." Later he added, "there's none so deaf as those who refuse to hear, none so blind as those who refuse to see."

Horsman said a "generous" increase is in store for Alberta institutions in the budget he would unveil within a week. "We will not pass on the federal government cutbacks," he pledged.

Horsman's vow is similar to a statement made by Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney in February.

The federal telegram said the Liberal government would maintain its commitment to post-secondary education.

After his speech, Horsman was presented with 14,000 postcards collected by FAS from Alberta students. The messages demanded an end to funding cutbacks that have sent tuition fees skyward at colleges in Alberta in recent months.

Gov't committed to students in the west

VICTORIA (CUP) — Six hundred students booed and heckled British Columbia Universities Minister Pat McGeer as he gave assurances of his government's commitment to higher education.

Protestors from the University of Victoria and Camosun College marched through windy city streets to the legislature buildings for a rally. They were sparked by recently announced tuition fee increases at B.C. campuses that range up to 32 per cent in the case of the University of British Columbia, and their chants demanded an end to the rule of the provincial Social Credit government.

Speakers from student organisations, unions and faculty associations addressed the rally, and, finally, McGeer agreed to speak.

The militant crowd chanted "Bullshit, bullshit," when he promised B.C. would continue its commitment to high quality education.

When McGeer asked the students where additional funds would come from, they suggested the federal and provincial governments' multi-million dollar Northeast coal project, or higher taxation on corporations. McGeer said the public wouldn't go for the idea.

"How many people here oppose taking funds from the coal project?" he asked. No one responded.

"Well, how many people would oppose higher taxes on corporations?" he wondered. Again, there was no response.

McGeer tried to explain the province's restraint program and was shouted down once more.

Daily Agenda

Holee cow! This week we get to cover it all, sports fans. The ole P&P will be meeting at an undetermined time, so stay tuned. The soon-to-be un-editorial board will huddle on Wednesday at 1:00 to be followed by a staff meeting at 3:00. Much business. (Hint: D.C., post-mortems, sweatshirts, banquet, and a very important surprise.)



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Letters

I wanna vote and I wanna vote now!

To the Daily:

This is a complaint. Last Wednesday I went to vote at the Students' Union. It was nearly 4:00 pm, and there were three people in front of me who had been given ballots to fill in. I waited patiently with ID in hand, and was then victimised by over-zealous bureaucrats!!

"This poll is closed. Go to BMH." "What happens if I am not going anywhere near BMH?" "You don't vote." "Isn't that a bit stupid considering I am standing here with my ID right now?" "It is not my responsibility. There is nothing I can do about it."

Well, I didn't get to vote, and I can't help thinking that the atmosphere surrounding the business of Students' Society

will never change if this is a sign of the general attitude of people participating in student government. Obviously my vote had no meaning whatsoever, but at the same time, I am sure that in the future I will continue to read in the *Daily* how "apathetic" the students are for not using their voting rights. Brotherhood, Freedom and Democracy certainly have no place at McGill. Would it really have been so costly to use some critical judgement and give me a ballot at five seconds past 4:00 pm? Of course not! But I am sure that bureaucracy reigns supreme here at McGill, along with inflated egos, selfishness and, at the core of the whole matter, CV's.

John Gocsek
U3 Economics
March 12, 1982

Yaffe Irrelevant?
To the Daily:

Where is your journalistic responsibility?

As the most widely-read newspaper on campus, do you not feel it your duty to include articles that would be of great interest to students even though you find them "irrelevant"?

As a science student, I know that the opportunity to formally commend an outstanding science professor is an exciting one. As a member of the Leo Yaffe Award Committee, it was my feeling that as many

students as possible should know about this award since it is the first of its kind at McGill.

I submitted an article to the *Daily* explaining the establishment and background of the Leo Yaffe Award. It was rejected as "too promotional" (the article as submitted appears in the March 10 edition of the McGill Tribune). After repeated visits and phone calls to the *Daily* office, it was finally decided that the article would be rewritten in a more "investigative" form. I was appalled that this cynical collection of paragraphs

was the only way to let students know about the award.

Both my effort and that of the *Daily* have been wasted. I am convinced that the article left most readers confused as to whether or not this was a joke or a serious award.

At a time when the *Daily* is asking for the right to increase its funding, one would think that you would demonstrate some concern for the needs and interests of the students.

Ann Cotter
The Leo Yaffe Award
Committee

Thursday in Queens Park...

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rally at the University of Toronto's Sigmund Samuel Library. He was joined by Canadian Union of Public Employees secretary Terry O'Connor who charged that "it's time the government started to listen to the people instead of attacking them."

During the demonstration, Seymour Kantowich, chief steward of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW) Local 7, told the crowd that the union had voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action in a wage dispute at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. CUEW represents graduate research assistants at the Institute. The strike, said Kantowich, is aimed at halting job cuts and the erosion of wages.

Ontario Premier William Davis did not make an appearance at the rally.

The support of the 700,000-member Ontario Public Service Employees Union came from OPSEU President Sean O'Flynn. He lambasted the government for what he said were continued lay-offs in education, in the province and across the country.

"This is the way Davis is dealing with unemployment," said O'Flynn. He assured the

crowd that the Union's membership was supportive.

After the rally ended, Frank

Drea said in an interview that the protest had "no effect at all" on government policy.

Last minute elections...

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Returning Officer's account is empty. It costs nearly \$2,500 for an election. We had a budget of \$6,000. I'd like to know where they expect the VP Finance to find the money. At least for an election in September we could budget for it," said Fish.

Fish points an accusing finger at outgoing President Norman, questioning her new-found zeal for speed.

"I find it ironic that Liz Nor-

man wants to rush this matter given her track record of procrastination. Look at how long it took for her to sign the McGill Daily Letter of Agreement or to discuss the report of the Structural Review Committee," snapped Fish.

Norman is "trying to get in touch with everybody" and will propose the special April election at Tuesday's Council meeting.

Divestment...

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February 5th. The first publicity of the unprecedented million-dollar divestment decision appeared last week in the form of a 30-to-40 word article titled "brief", in the public relations office newspaper, *The Reporter*.

Sheppard speculated as to the motives behind the Board's lack of publicity.

"This is conjecture, but it sure looks like they don't want to admit to it," he said. "They don't want to publicise it because it shows that student

pressure does have an impact."

Norman was at a loss to explain the silence surrounding the Board's decision.

"You're guess is as good as mine," she said.

According to Norman, the Board Sub-Committee that recommended divestment also recommended that the divestment be a widely publicised move in protest of corporate involvement in South Africa.

SAC is planning to picket the administration building before the Board meets at 3:00 pm.

Today

South Africa Committee

Demonstrate your support for divestment! Join the picket line for today's Board of Governors meeting, the last BoG meeting of the academic year. Meet us in the Union lobby at 2:15 p.m. McGill NZS-Solidarnosc Support Committee

Show solidarity with Solidarnosc! Very important meeting to organise Polish Solidarity Dinner. All welcome. Meeting at 5:00 in Union 406.

Student Recital

Wang Yang, pianist, plays Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Copland and Debussy. Recital Hall, 4 p.m., 555 Sherbrooke W.

Hillel

There will be a general meeting and elections. If you are interested in running for certain position or simply getting more information about Hillel be at the Hillel House at 7:00 p.m.

Lottery Winner

The winning ticket for a trip for two to Helsinki, Finland drawn on March 7, 1982 was number 4080. Thanks to all those who supported the McGill Redmen Basketball Team.

McGill Choral Society

Rehearsal 8—10 p.m. Strathcona Music building, room C201. Please be on time.

Presbyterian-United Chaplaincy

Invites all students to our worshipping community every week at 7:30 p.m. at

the United Theological College, 3521 University (lower lounge). For more information call Reverend Chris Ferguson at 392-5890 or 845-3398.

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The Milkado

By Gilbert & Sullivan. Last week! March 18 - 20 at 8 p.m. in Moyse Hall, the Arts Building. Tickets and reservations at Sadie's and Faculty of Medicine office, 392-8926 or 392-8983. Student rates on Thursdays.

Canadian Studies Seminar

Presents Professor Douglas O'ram, University of Alberta, speaking on "The National Will and Canadian Intellectual History" at 4:00 p.m. in the Arts Council Room, room 160. For additional information contact Dr. John Bradbury, Geography Department, 392-4718.

Project Ploughshares McGill

The student disarmament group is holding its annual general assembly at 7:00 p.m. All those who were involved this year or would like to help plan for next year, please attend. Videos on Hiroshima and the Pacific nuclear tests will be shown at 8:00 p.m. in Stewart building S1/4.



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Daily Sports

Fencers caught off guard at UQAM

by Jennifer Cameron

The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) was the site of Saturday's competition of the 1981-82 Québec Interuniversity Fencing Circuit. Teams from UQAM, Laval, Université de Montréal (U. e M.) and

McGill contested for first place in three events -- men's and women's foil and men's épée.

In the men's foil competition, six teams competed. Competition was fierce. Opponents were lightning fast. All were masters of the sport -- superhuman

foilists. Despite this, it is sadly noted that McGill team members Don Cheslock, Andy Katz and Eugen Constantin placed last. The McGill team ends a great season with a not-so-great outcome, but they sure went out fighting.

The women's foil event proved to be just about as successful for McGill. McGill's team of Susanne Gagnon, Denise Poray and Jennifer Cameron got off to a slow start and consequently ended up in third place out of four teams. (At least it wasn't last place, guys!)

The épée competition proved to be the only bright spot of the day. McGill's Mike Carey, Mike Beller and Oliver Baltuch easily captured first place, beating out the team from U. de M.

In all weapons, competition fencing is confined to a "piste", a metallic strip two metres wide and 14 metres long. Competition in foil and épée is electronically scored, allowing the president of the match (the official) to clearly see the touches made.

The actual operation of the scoring equipment is not difficult to understand, but rather complicated to explain. In short, it can be stated that in electrical competition, a special sword is used. It contains a point that depresses under a certain amount of pressure. When a touche is scored, the point depresses. This completes the circuit running from the fencer to a "reel" to an electrical scoring box. When the point is depressed, lights go on in the

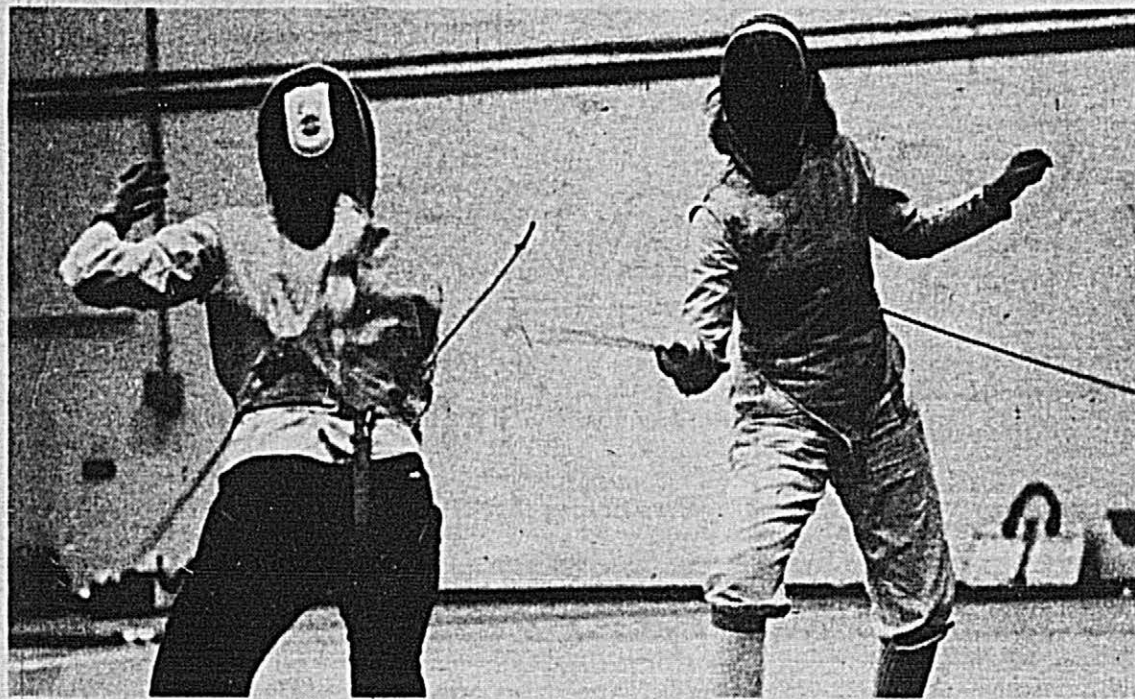
scoring box to indicate hit.

Competition in sabre is not judged electronically. Instead, this weapon utilizes the talents of five judges to decipher the action.

Throughout the fencing season, several competitions are held at the university level in Québec. They are held at various universities across the province and are open to all members of the university club.

The McGill fencing team is active in all of these competitions. In addition, team members are strongly urged to attend provincial tournaments. Québec is the strongest fencing province in Canada, and tournaments at all skill levels abound.

The McGill fencing team practises two nights a week (Tuesday and Thursday) in the dance studio on the third floor of the Currie gym. The McGill team utilizes the talents of two coaches (Bruno Ciencella and Pedro Yoselevitz) and the club also offers introductory fencing classes each semester. The club welcomes all experienced fencers and all not-so-experienced fencers. Thus, an invitation is extended to all to come and join the swashbuckling antics and general good times found with the McGill fencing club.



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McGill 3rd in Can-Am tourney

by E. Goldberg and Teresa Allan

The second half of the Can-Am Women's Squash Tournament was held Friday and Saturday at McGill's Currie gym. The first half took place at Vassar College in New York in November. The tournament included teams from three U.S. colleges as well as three Canadian universities. This weekend's results were compiled together with the first half results to determine the overall final standings for the whole tournament.

In this weekend's matches, Queen's came out on top for the second half trophy, with York close behind. McGill came in third, with Vassar in fourth place and Hamilton College placing fifth. Dartmouth College of New Hampshire was unable to compete in this half of the competition, although they did play in November at Vassar.

The basic difference between the Canadian and American halves of the tourney is in the kind of ball that is utilized. In U.S. squash competition, a hard ball is used exclusively. In Canada, a yellow dot ball is predominantly used. The yellow dot ball is softer and makes for faster play.

Joann Beckwith of York University was named Outstanding Player of the Tournament and received a trophy and a racquet for her effort. The Queen's team also received a trophy for their first place endeavor in the Canadian half of the tourney.

The overall figures resulted in York taking the first place title, winning 35 matches all told. Queen's was a close second, with 34 match victories. Queen's and York played strongly throughout both halves of the tournament and were obviously unaffected by the speed difference of the ball.

Vassar and McGill placed third and fourth, respectively. Vassar won a total of 19 matches and McGill won 17 total matches. McGill's Jill Samis, Canada's number one ranked intercollegiate player, won three out of her five matches this weekend. Added to her performance of five out of six match wins in the first half of the Can-Am, she contributed eight wins to McGill's combined total of 17 matches.

Dartmouth and Hamilton placed fifth and sixth, Dartmouth with 12 matches won and Hamilton with eight.

McGill was pleased with the results of both halves of the tournament, considering the strength of the Queen's and York teams. The Canadian half of the tournament will be held first next year in the fall, leaving the second half for a U.S. team to host in early spring. Where the tournaments will be held next year is as yet undecided.

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The case against porn

Pornography is violence against women.

When people begin to understand the above statement, maybe women will be able to walk the streets safely after dark.

Pornography is not harmless

Like other forms of media that influence the way we live, pornography sets a standard for the way women are treated. Even in its mildest forms, pornography reduces women to objects, playthings for men. Behind the most artistic Playboy centerfold is the implicit idea that women are on this earth to give men pleasure. Defenders of porn say this is merely harmless fantasy. But it is precisely this "fantasy" of women as objects to be violated that often drives men to rape.

Hard core porn that explicitly promotes violence can be dealt with more simply. This material reinforces the idea of male dominance, of a master-slave relationship between men and women. It incites violence in the same way that the Klu Klux Klan does. Pornography fabricates the image of a weaker, inferior being (women), and then implies that forceful dominance is the natural relationship between the "weak" woman and the "strong" man.

Few societies would condone material that incites violence against "inferior races", but the Québec government is currently debating whether to permit the sale of hard-core, violent pornographic films in the province.

But it sells

The fact that Playboy and Penthouse outsell both Time and Newsweek is indicative of our male-dominated society and of the misconceptions surrounding porn.

Mass consumption of pornography is a relatively recent phenomena, yet it dates from a time when women were not legal persons. Women and their bodies belonged to men, either husbands or fathers. To forget the state of women's rights just 50 or 60 years ago is to be ignorant of the intrinsic hurdles women still must conquer. The deeply-rooted mentality that declared women as non-persons was not erased with the vote. It persists and pornography is just one of its manifestations.

And yet, pornography is more than a symptom of a disease. It feeds upon itself and serves to reinforce stereotypes of weak, but beautiful, women who say "no" but mean "yes". Pornography encourages the use and abuse of all women psychologically and physically.

Women take back the night

The battle against pornography is not, and should not be, a fringe cause of the women's movement. There are many feminists who consider pornography irrelevant when compared with other women-related issues. But until we can undo the belief that women are objects to be used by men, we have accomplished little.

It is naive to believe that we can change sexist attitudes overnight by simply banning pornography. The immediate end of all pornography is not a practical goal, it won't happen. Not because of the hue and cry over freedom of the press (a freedom that pornography abuses), but because our society has created a need for pornography. Pornography is acceptable because we accept it.

What we can do is make people aware of the effects of porn, of the degradation it implies for all women. As well, we can demand the right not to support it in our homes and our communities, even in our university.

Currently, the Sadie's II concession stand in the McConnell Engineering building sells a wide variety of pornographic magazines. Sadie's II is a service provided by the Students' Society to make life easier for students. Sadie's II is supported by student fees, whether it is running at a loss or not (it lost \$8,000 last year and is projected to lose \$11,000 this year).

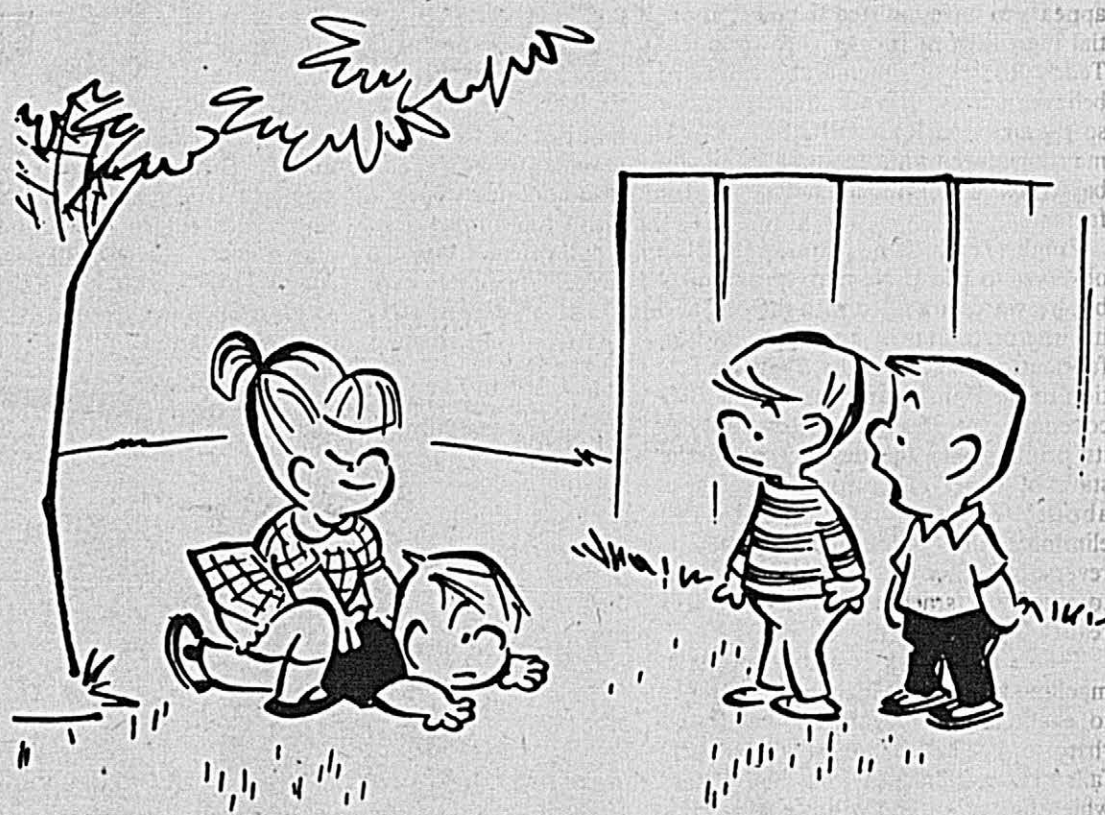
It is *not* censorship to insist that student fees and student services not be used to support something that degrades half the population. Pornographic material is available at every corner store and newsstand, why must the university provide it for students?

Not just dykes

Finally, the idea that the women who oppose pornography are a radical, fringe element in society is false. Labels like "man-haters" and "dykes" are insulting not for what they imply about one's sexual persuasion, but because they belittle any effort on the behalf of true equality for women.

To oppose pornography does not imply that one is anti-male nor anti-sex. A fulfilling sexual experience between two people is one based on mutual respect and equality. This is the difference between erotica and pornography. The latter turns women into virtual sexual slaves, one cut below prostitutes (at least prostitutes get paid). Pornography is the violent exploitation of the female half of the population.

Wendy Jones
Paula Slepniwicz



"I guess it takes a few more years before they find out they're the weaker sex!"

Hyde Park

The brutal oppression of human rights throughout the world, led to the formation of the human rights watch group Amnesty International (AI) in Britain in 1961. Since then it has grown into an international organization with members in over 125 countries.

AI opposes the imprisonment of "prisoners of conscience," who are being incarcerated or persecuted for their beliefs, colour, ethnic origin or religion. AI does not support any individuals who have advocated or used violence.

Before a prisoner is adopted by AI, their case is investigated. If they are indeed a prisoner of conscience, then action is taken on their behalf.

AI works by having members write polite but insistent letters, and sending telexes and telegrams to the government that is holding or torturing prisoners.

Students in the McGill chapter of Amnesty International regularly write letters on behalf of prisoners and also help with the urgent action network.

The urgent action network is used for prisoners whose health is in serious jeopardy, or who face imminent death. Telex messages are sent to special AI groups throughout the world. They respond with letters, telegrams, and telexes, so that within days considerable pressure can be brought to bear on government officials.

The success of this apparently low key approach is demonstrated by the case of a union official in the Dominican

Republic. After being arrested in 1971 he was charged with "conspiring against the state" and sentenced to 10 years in jail. He was adopted by AI and subsequently released in 1974. He was arrested again in 1975. He described the effect of the letters that AI members sent on his behalf:

"I was being kept naked in an underground cell. When the first 200 letters came the guards gave me back my clothes. The next two hundred letters came and the prison director came to see me. When the next pile of letters arrived, the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming and coming: three thousand of them. The President was informed. The letters still kept arriving and the President called the prison and told them to let me go."

This week McGill Amnesty International is directing its energies toward another aspect of human rights: awareness. Some of the events planned are:

Luncheon discussion with Professors James Wooten and Joan Debardeleben on "Super-

power competition and Human Rights" on Tuesday at Noon in Leacock 425.

Open house and screening of the film "Prisoner of Conscience" on Wednesday from 12:00 to 4:00 in the Union room B09.

Luncheon discussion with Professors Jeremy and James Tully on "The Ethical Foundation of Human Rights: Fiction or Reality" on Thursday at Noon in Leacock 425.

There will be a general meeting for AI members and interested individuals at 4:30 in Union room 425.

The raison d'être for AI's work is perhaps best summed up by Vladimir Herzog, a Brazilian journalist:

"If we lose our capacity to be outraged when we see others subjected to atrocities, then we lose the right to call ourselves human beings."

Vladimir Herzog died a few hours after being taken in for questioning by military police in October, 1975.

McGill Amnesty International

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Letters

You got it wrong, again

To the Daily:

Richard Flint's recent (March 1) 'PLO's Man at U.N. Speaks softly...' appears to have omitted the most essential ingredient of former U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt's memorable phrase. I believe it was: "Walk quietly, speak softly and CARRY A BIG STICK." It may have been an intentional omission based on a misunderstanding of the facts.

Zehdi Terzi, the permanent PLO observer to the U.N. may speak softly but his words are filled with rhetoric and his interpretations of history are at best fabricated. He represents a radical faction of the Palestinian people. The PLO covenant expresses quite emphatically as its primary aim the destruction of the state of Israel. Therefore his remarks about 'Zionist determination to eliminate the Palestinian people' is reversed. Rather the PLO is determined to eliminate Israel. Hence, he obscures reality by reversing it.

Terzi's large stick is a Russian made machine-gun, with which his PLO hopes to eventually use against Israel if the rhetoric he calls 'honest diplomacy' fails. He will have a long battle, one which he cannot and will not win.

As university students we must look beyond the rhetoric and obscured historical facts towards a greater understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict. We must see that Terzi's 'quiet' diplomacy would be more credible if "his restrained espousal of the Palestinian people" was more sincere, more factual, and more importantly not mar-

red by terror and violent activities. Finally it would be far more credible if his rhetoric was replaced by concrete negotiations with Israel on an intellectual level worthy of a U.N. delegate and the subsequent recognition of Israel as a legitimate state to be reckoned with in the battle torn Middle East. The first step is the hardest. Is the PLO willing to take that step towards the settlement of the 'Palestinian refugee problem'?

Dan Ashkenazy
Pol Sci U2
March 1, 1982

And God said...

To the Daily:

An open letter to Mr. Zehdi Terzi:

I have a few questions which remain unanswered by you and perhaps you may be willing to reply in this medium, far from the crowds of Leacock 132.

If the Arab-Israeli conflict is not a territorial one, as you yourself told me, then the solution to it cannot be a territorial compromise. What you are advocating is the replacement of one refugee people with another. You are proposing that a just solution to Middle Eastern maladies is the full-scale return of all 4 million Palestinians to the land of Israel, in other words, that the people currently living in Haifa, or Tel Aviv, or Jerusalem, should evacuate their homes and go live in your refugee camps. Show me one nation in the whole history of man that was willing to compromise its very existence for the benefit of another nation. Show me one nation that after 2000 years of persecution (yes, even in your Arab countries) will give up the

freedom it won in wars which you lost.

And do not harp on the "human misery" violins. They do not impress me, coming from the spokesman of the organisation that has signed on its covenant the annihilation of my people, and who dreams of rivers of blood of the children of Ma'alot, Kiryat-Shmoneh, Nahariya, Avivim, and the list is yet longer. I am not impressed by your "humanitarianism" after having seen it in action in Kibbuz Misgav-Am.

The world has a short memory indeed. when a Palestinian calls me a Nazi, I cannot but laugh at the preposterous idea. Go ask the revered Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini where his allegiance lay in the Second World War. And if he will not tell you, Berlin of 1944 will. The records are kept in the best of the German tradition of deadly efficiency. And when a Palestinian lavishes praise at the UN, I can not, again, but laugh myself silly. You call for respect to all resolutions of the UN. May I then ask you, in the name of honesty, why you do not honor resolutions 242, 338, and others? Do you call for selective respect? Why do you not honor the 1948 resolution to recognize Israel?

You call for a democratic secular state. Secular like Syria? Democratic like Libya? Inhabited by people, who for the past 100 years have been warring with each other, and who, according to your "moderate" formula, ought to live in peace and harmony?

And while all your "solutions" bear a tone of coercion? Why do all your plans propose an imposed solution? Why will you not negotiate with Israel, a path that

has proved to be far more beneficial to the Arab states vis-a-vis Israel?

I believe you are on a collision course. Until you realize that Israel is *here to stay*, your blood and mine will be poured and soak once again the soil of our land. War is not a solution either one of our people needs. But you advocate it in your covenant — a covenant you will not modify, nor answer questions about in the West, where people still believe in your "moderation", where people don't understand that you really mean what you say to the last iota of this venomous document.

And if you call for war against me, I cannot but take you seriously. I will fight back and I will win, for morality and human justice are on my side and you are the epitome of the opposite.

Esther Mayer
Polisci U2

More Yaffe sensationalism

To the Daily:

I am writing to express both my bafflement and disgust with the manner in which the McGill Daily chose to announce the establishment of the Leo Yaffe award for excellence in teaching. Upon glancing through the Wednesday, March 10 issue, I came across the somewhat puzzling caption, "Mao overlooked for 'Leo the lionheart.'" Thinking that this might have something to do with a rather startling reversal in Chinese politics, I read on, only to discover that the story was in fact an excuse for belittling a refreshing award in honour of that often-ignored individual, the outstanding professor.

On the same day, the McGill Tribune printed a much more sensible and informative article on the same topic, written by a member of the Yaffe award committee. However, they must obviously have missed its connection with Mao, which your own perceptive staff was so quick to pick up on.

While I realize that it is your mandate to present issues in the Daily which will enlighten the student body, I see no reason why you found it necessary to treat the Leo Yaffe award in such an off-hand manner. Although it has no apparent connection with either El Salvador or South Africa, I am sure that in a more comprehensible form the issue would have been of interest to many McGill students (who unfortunately do not all read the Tribune).

Since our major concern over budget cutbacks is that the quality of our education might be compromised, it is important to recognise any efforts which might demonstrate a desire to maintain quality teaching standards. I suspect that your staff, however, found the issue entirely mundane and not sufficiently controversial to print without some political embellishment.

But your juxtaposition of Leo Yaffe and Mao Zedong was an insult to any reader's intelligence. If there are such strong feelings about the institution of awards in the name of "establishment" figures, perhaps you would also advocate the renaming of the Bronfman building as "the Leon Trotsky Memorial Centre."

Quite sincerely, I feel that the cheap sensationalism to which the Daily is increasingly resorting, should be confined to the pages of Allo Police!. It has no place in a supposedly enlightened student newspaper.

Mary E. O'Neill
Political Science U2

Hyde Park

On March 28, 1982 elections are scheduled to take place in the war-torn country of El Salvador, ostensibly to provide a viable, political solution to the present crisis. Given the prevailing climate of terror and violence in El Salvador and the country's long history of electoral fraud, it is difficult for any objective observer to believe that the present regime is honestly dedicated to "free elections."

Throughout the past 50 years elections have been used by all military regimes to deceive the people. Today the same military officers who are now proposing "free elections" are those responsible for the systematic repression against all popular opposition to the regime, which has already claimed the lives of 30,000 civilians.

One asks how elections can possibly take place in a country wracked by civil war, where the imposition of martial law has suspended all constitutional rights, where the news media is subject to censorship, and where almost the entire leadership of the opposition has been murdered by the Armed Forces. In November 1980, six leaders of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, the political arm of the opposition alliance, were kidnapped in broad daylight and later slain. The army has now published a "hit list" of 138 people including the head of the Legal Aid Office of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, human rights activists, teachers, former members of the government and leaders of the FDR — all labeled as "terrorists" and "subversives".

To register for the elections, political parties are required to submit a list of 3,000 supporters including names, ad-

resses and work places, thus placing the lives of all opposition members in danger. As one representative of the FDR has stated, electing candidates to run in the elections under these circumstances would be equivalent to sending them to the slaughterhouse. Needless to say the FDR/FMLN alliance of the opposition forces has refused to participate in the electoral process.

According to a recent poll published in the New York Times, the opposition alliance now has the support of 80 per cent of the people in El Salvador. Without their participation, the elections can hardly be considered representative of popular interest.

As election day rapidly approaches it becomes increasingly apparent that while elections may serve to "legitimise" the present regime, the future government will in no way be a representative one, and clearly will not be able to solve the problems at the root of the crisis.

This situation has led individuals many both within the country and internationally to oppose the junta's electoral plan. The Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas has repeatedly expressed doubts over the possibility of holding free elections. Most recently a spokesman for the Archbishop stated that there was a definitive lack of interest for the elections, but that "rumours have reached the Archbishop that if the people don't vote they will be attacked as subversives."

Jorge Castaneda, the Mexican Foreign Affairs Minister, has denounced the elections as absurd, stating that "the opposition has no means of expressing itself and of launching a political campaign." The French and Mexican

Governments, who have recognised the FDR/FMLN alliance as a "representative political force" in El Salvador, have supported the opposition's call for a negotiated settlement as the best means of resolving the conflict. In a recent vote of the United Nations, 68 countries voted in favor of such a solution.

In contrast, the U.S. government has enthusiastically endorsed a "democratic solution" by means of elections. The real motives of the Reagan administration are questionable when one considers the fact that the USA is still actively pumping millions of dollars into the Salvadorean war-machine.

In Canada, our own government continues to support the elections despite mounting opposition. The House Subcommittee for Inter-American Affairs published a report late last year requesting that Canada endorse the call for negotiations.

Most recently a group of four parliamentarians met with leaders of the opposition in Mexico and returned making similar recommendations. Two of these parliamentarians, Flora MacDonald and Bob Ogle will be speaking at a public conference at the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, March 16 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the elections in El Salvador, please attend. Other speakers present will include Louis DuClos (Liberal Party), Michel LeDuc (P.Q.), Monseigneur Proulx, representatives of the CSN, FTQ and CEQ, and Francisco Olivarez for the Mexican Embassy.

Sara Gooderham
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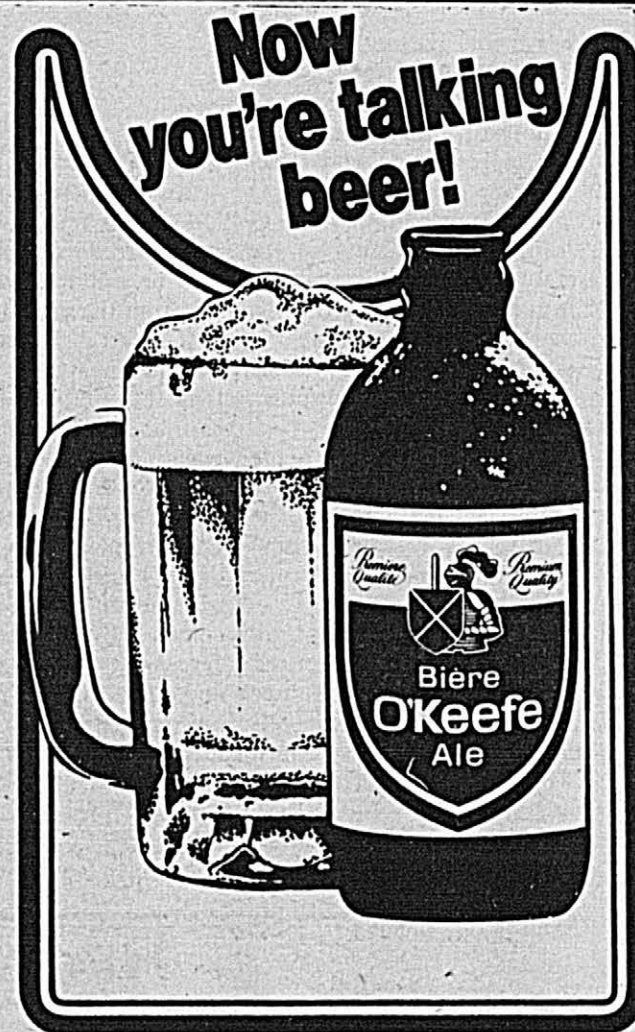
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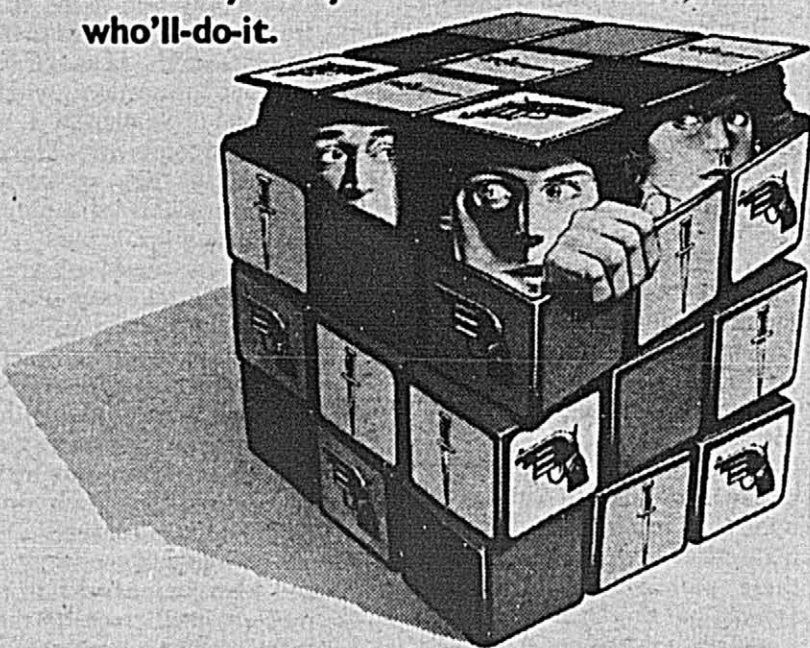
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